Dear Commerce Committee,

Please vote no on HB 5363.

We should be reducing the volume of animals farmed, not increasing it. Rabbits are the third most common household pet after dogs and cats.

The two major pet store chains in CT, PetCo and PetSmart, have stopped selling rabbits due to public pressure.

Even the cosmetics industry has been moving away from testing their products on rabbits due to consumer pressure.

There are already too few regulations to ensure the humane treatment of farmed animals in CT. To add yet another species to this is just horrible, and a step in the wrong direction.

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